India has crossed all limits in occupied Kashmir: Mushal

RAWALPINDI: Wife of Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik and chairperson Kashmir Peace and Culture Mushal Hussain Mullick on Monday said that India led by Narendra Modi crossed all the red lines and snatched the right of self-determination from the Kashmiris and it is the duty of world community to play their role to solve the issue of Kashmir.

Talking to newsmen, she said that Asia is on the verge of nuclear war. The biggest issue in the region is the right to self-determination of Kashmir and now the patience of Pakistan and Kashmiris is running out.

She said that in the current situation, India will have to change its policies towards Kashmir and gave them their right to self-determination. She said that no Kashmiri is ready to surrender to India's policy at this time.

"Today is the day of our right to self-determination. We have to raise our voice for Yasin Malik. Kashmiris are being arrested by Indian soldiers during search operations in Indian held Kashmir. Netanyahu and Narendra Modi have broken the records of all atrocities heard in history," she said. She said that India was playing with the fire. Another history will be written.

"The time is very near when Kashmiri will get their right as there is strong resentment among the Kashmiris against Indian policies," she said.

She said that world community should come forward and play its role to stop India to shed blood in Indian held Kashmir.

Our rulers and international organizations have to raise their voice against this genocide. Now is the time when we have to clash with the powerful," she said. She said that we are going to launch a campaign across the country against Indian atrocities and asks India to release Yasin Malik. — Staff Reporter

CARRYING large flags of Azad Kashmir and Pakistan, Kashmiri activists chant pro-freedom and anti-India slogans during a march along a main thoroughfare in Muzaffarabad on Monday to mark the Right to Self-Determination Day. — Dawn

27 Azad Kashmir lawmakers fail to submit asset details

MUZAFFARABAD: The Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) Election Commission on Monday made public the names of 27 members of the Legislative Assembly and one member of the AJK Council for failing to submit their annual statements of assets and liabilities within the stipulated time, warning that their membership could be suspended if the details were not furnished by Jan 15.

The list included the names of the incumbent prime minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore; three former prime ministers — Sardar Abdul Qayyum Niazi of PTI, Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan of the Muslim Conference and Raja Farooq Haider of PML-N; Legislative Assembly Speaker Chaudhry Latif Akbar; Deputy Speaker Chaudhry Riaz Ahmed; and cabinet members Mian Abdul Waheed, Sardar Javed Ayoub, Chaudhry Qasim Majeed, Sardar Ziaul Qamar, Chaudhry Muhammad Rasheed, Zafar Iqbal Malik, Javed Iqbal Budhanvi, Chaudhry Muhammad Akhlaq and Sardar Muhammad Hussain.

Other lawmakers included Shah Ghulam Qadir, Chaudhry Muhammad Ismail, Muhammad Akmal Sargala and Raja Muhammad Siddique of PML-N; Hafiz Hamid Raza, Ghulam Mohiuddin Deevan and Muhammad Iqbal of PTI; Aamir Ghaffar Lone and Shahida Saghir of PPP; and Akbar Ibrahim, Asim Sharif Butt and Pir Mazhar Saeed from the PTI renegades.

The lone member of the AJK Council was Khawaja Tariq Saeed.

According to a press release issued by the election watchdog, the lawmakers were required under Section 26-A of the AJK Council (Election) Act, 1976, and Section 78 of the AJK Elections Act, 2020, to submit details of their assets, along with those of their dependent spouses and children, held up to June 30 of the year. The statements, prepared on the prescribed pro forma on stamp paper, were to be submitted by Dec 31.

The commission said the names had been made public in accordance with the relevant provisions of the law after the lawmakers failed to meet the deadline.

It warned that if the asset statements were not submitted by Jan 15, the membership of the defaulting lawmakers could be suspended under the relevant sections of the two election laws, adding that the suspension would remain in force until the submission of the required details. — Staff Correspondent

Rallies across AJK mark Right to Self-Determination Day

By Tariq Naqash

MUZAFFARABAD: Rallies and seminars were held across Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) on Monday to mark the Right to Self-Determination Day, with participants urging the United Nations to implement its January 5 resolution on Kashmir as a prerequisite for lasting peace in South Asia.

In Muzaffarabad, Pasban-i-Hurriyat Jammu Kashmir (PHJK), an organisation of post-1989 migrants from Indian-occupied Kashmir, organised a rally that drew a large number of participants, including women, children and elderly citizens. The march began at Burhan Wani Shaheed Chowk and proceeded to the UN Observers' Office near Domel - the confluence of the Neelum and Jhelum rivers.

Participants carried banners and placards highlighting flagrant human rights violations in Indian-occupied Kashmir and demanding the right to self-determination, which they said had repeatedly been pledged to the Kashmiri people by the international community and India itself.

Addressing the gathering, Legislative Assembly Speaker Chaudhry Latif Akbar called upon the United Nations to ensure implementation of its own resolutions to resolve the Kashmir dispute. He said the January 5 resolution provided a clear roadmap for settlement of the issue and that the Kashmiri people had been waiting for its enforcement for decades.

PHJK chairman Uzair Ahmed Ghazali said the people of Jammu and Kashmir wanted to determine their political future through a UN-supervised process, as envisaged in the Security Council resolutions. He urged the international community and global human rights organisations to play a more effective role in addressing the situation in the disputed territory, including securing the release of political prisoners.

Participants raised slogans against Indian military presence and reaffirmed their resolve to continue their struggle for the right to self-determination until their demands were met.

Similar rallies were held at several district headquarters, while a seminar was organised at Kashmir House in Islamabad,with senior most minister Mian Abdul Waheed, former presidents Sardar Yaqoob Khan, Sardar Muhammad Masood Khan, former premiers Raja Farooq Haider and Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, and APHC leader Altaf Ahmed Bhat among the prominent speakers.

Separately, AJK Prime Minister Raja Faisal Mumtaz Rathore, who was in Islamabad, attended a seminar organised by the Friends of Kashmir at the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services.

He said January 5 served as a reminder of the UN's unfulfilled commitments to the Kashmiri people and urged the world body to take effective notice of the situation in Indian-occupied Kashmir. He maintained that Kashmir remained a disputed territory and the Kashmiri struggle, marked by decades of sacrifices, could not be ignored indefinitely.

Meanwhile, speakers at a conference here on Monday urged the international community to prevail upon India to implement United Nations resolutions on Kashmir.

The Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad (ISSI), in collaboration with the Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR) and the All Parties Hurriyet Conference (APHC), organised the conference titled "January 5: The Call for Self-Determination in Jammu and Kashmir."

Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairman of the Kashmir Institute of International Relations, Islamabad, said there are a number of UN resolutions on Kashmir, but the UNCIP resolution of January 5, 1949, provided a roadmap towards a solution to the Jammu and Kashmir dispute. He said India knew from the outset that it would forcibly occupy the Muslim-majority princely state.

He said India approached the UN claiming that the Maharaja had already signed the Instrument of Accession with India and sought to have Pakistan declared an aggressor. However, he added, the Maharaja had already relinquished his authority and fled the region. The UN subsequently decided that the people of Jammu and Kashmir should determine their own future.

He said the UN maintained the same position even after India attempted to mislead it by holding Constituent Assembly elections in the region under its occupation and arguing that the polls reflected the will of the people to remain with India. He encouraged the younger generation to understand the Jammu and Kashmir dispute in its true perspective and to become future diplomats for the Kashmir cause.

Farooq Rehmani, a senior leader and former convener of the All Parties Hurriyet Conference, said India never intended to implement UN resolutions and therefore complicated the process by raising one objection after another.

He said the ceasefire was meant to bring peace to the region, but India used it to divide Azad Jammu and Kashmir from Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.

He added that the 1990s witnessed one of the worst phases of human rights violations in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir, during which unmarked graves were discovered across the region.

He said that since August 2019, India has been actively pursuing an agenda of demographic change, with thousands of domicile certificates issued to non-Kashmiri Indians, while the Kashmiri leadership continues to languish in jails.

Director of the India Study Centre, Dr Khurram Abbas, said that on this date in 1949, the UNCIP acknowledged the right of self-determination of the Kashmiri people. However, he said, after almost 78 years, the people of Jammu and Kashmir are still waiting to exercise this right. He added that the relevance of the resolution had increased manifold after August 5, 2019.

Members of the think tank community, intellectuals and a large number of students attended the event.

Senate panel refers ministers' absence to privileges committee

By Our Staff Reporter

ISLAMABAD: Absence of the federal and state ministers from a meeting angered the Senate Panel and forced it to refer the matter to the Privileges Committee.

It also decided to take up the issue withthe Senate ChairmanSayed Yousuf Raza Gilani if the ministers concernedfailed to attend the next meeting.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee of the Senate Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas had been convened at the Parliament House to review matters relating to the Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB), including the collection of revenues, expenditure mechanisms, relevant policies, and details of the board's assets.

Senator Dinesh Kumar chaired the meeting. The committee expressed serious concern over the absence of the Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and the Minister of State for Religious Affairs. In protest, the Committee decided to defer the agenda.

The convener Senator Dinesh Kumar along with Committee Member Senator Nadeem Bhutto, observed that meaningful discussion and decision-making on the agenda items were not possible in the absence of the ministers concerned.

It was also noted that the ministers had failed to attend the previous meeting, despite the importance of ministerial-level participation for effective deliberations.

The committee decided to seek complete province-wise details of the Evacuee Trust Property Board's properties, income, and expenditures in the next meeting.

The committee also took serious notice of the non-provision of working papers at least 48 hours prior to meetings, as required under the law, which hampers effective review. The departments concernedwere directed to ensure timely submission of working papers in future.

During the meeting, the Religious Affairs Secretary informed the committee that the Federal Minister for Religious Affairs had recently undergone surgery and was therefore unable to attend the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the committee formally deferred the agenda in protest and decided that all pending matters would be taken up for detailed consideration in the next meeting.

The meeting was attended by Committee Member Senator Nadeem Bhutto, the Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, and other concerned officials, while the Chairman, Evacuee Trust Property Board, participated in the meeting online.

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Spiritual fervour marks Guru Gobind Singh's birth anniversary at Gurdwara Panja Sahib

By Our Correspondent

TAXILA: The historic Gurdwara Panja Sahib reverberated with hymns, prayers and spiritual fervour on Monday as Sikh devotees gathered to celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth and last Guru of the Sikh faith.

The 360th birth anniversary, known as Prakash Purab in the Sikh religion, was marked with special prayers, continuous recitation from the Guru Granth Sahib and devotional kirtan, creating an atmosphere of deep reverence and communal harmony.

Devotees paid homage to the Guru's timeless teachings of courage, equality and justice, which continue to inspire generations across the world.

Rituals began early in the morning as worshippers assembled at the revered shrine to offer ardas, listen to recitations from the Guru Granth Sahib and participate in devotional kirtan. A colourful procession was also taken out within the gurdwara premises to mark the birth celebrations. Langar was arranged for all visitors, reinforcing the Sikh tradition of equality and community service, as the celebrations concluded with prayers for peace and unity.

DEVOTEES offer rituals in connection with the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh at Gurdwara Panja Sahib in Hassanabdal on Monday. — Dawn

Gullbeer Singh, granthi (caretaker) of the Sikh temple, while shedding light on the life of the last Sikh Guru, said that Guru Gobind Singh Ji, born in 1666, played a pivotal role in shaping Sikh identity.

He said the historic establishment of the Khalsa Panth in 1699 transformed the Sikh community into a collective bound by faith, discipline and a commitment to stand against oppression.

"His message of fearless spirituality and selfless service remains relevant far beyond religious boundaries," he added.

"The birth anniversary of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji reminds us of his message of courage and equality. Coming to Panja Sahib on this sacred day strengthens our spiritual bond and pride in our heritage," said local community leader Sardar Jaggi Singh. Another attendee, Balbir Kaur, described the celebration as a link between past and present. "Observing Prakash Purab at this historic gurdwara connects us with our ancestors and the values the Guru taught us to uphold," she said.

Young participants also highlighted the broader message of harmony.

"Panja Sahib is a symbol of unity. People from different faiths joining us today shows that Guru Ji's teachings of peace and service are still alive," said Sukhdev Singh.

Evacuee Trust Property Board (ETPB) official Asmat Ullah said the event reflected Pakistan's commitment to preserving religious heritage and promoting interfaith harmony.

"The celebration at Gurdwara Panja Sahib carries deep historical resonance, not only as a reminder of Guru Gobind Singh Ji's teachings but also as an expression of Sikh heritage in Pakistan, a country where Sikh historical sites are treasured by global pilgrims," he added.

Such observances also enhance Pakistan's image as a site of religious pluralism, particularly in Hasanabdal, where Sikh and other minority communities actively contribute to social cohesion. Officials and community representatives said events like these underscore shared values of peace, unity and mutual respect.